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FROM SHADOW
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APRIL 10 - FEBRUARY 1815
EXILE ON SAINT HELENA

MARCH-JUNE 1815
THE HONORED DAYS

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WATERLOO AND THE ADDICTION

JULY - SEPTEMBER 1815
THE RETURN TO PARIS

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1815
SAINT HELENA IS THE NEW GOVERNOR

June 1815: Napoleon, insulted,

The new governor made it

with the Governor

CONFRONTATION

More and more clandestine

the island of Saint Helena.

Napoleon spent his first

Seven weeks at Briars

Triumphal arch in Port Louis.

the garden of the

Balcombe family home.

Napoleon spent his first

three months at sea

April 1814 - February 1815

HISTORICAL

forces were forcibly sent away.

world were restricted.

Napoleon went 14 months

choice of doctor was a bone

virtual recluse. Since the

Napoleon turned into a

DERELICTION

SEPTEMBER 1819

January 1817 -

ASHES

on 5 May 1821 at 5.49 pm.

The building of New

Palace to Saint Helena.

From the Élysée Palace

to Longwood House, on the island of

Saint Helena.

The Emperor realised this

dilemma and tried to take

anything to do, he decided no

but his morale and his health

deteriorated rapidly after

July 1817 - January 1818

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One hour before his burial. Napoleon I on his death bed, 5 May, 1821.

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Napoleon had freedom of movement, but under监视ing anarchy, the house and resources provided were to join Napoleon’s retinue, and his own behaviour. His detention, the island diminished. The Emperor’s health declined even further. On 10 December, he moved into Longwood. On the domain at the Briars. Napoleon turned into a disinclined to use the Imperial House of Police, showed him the way, and he himself decided on the basis of the question. For the time being, he felt he was under watch in his rooms. The new governor returned to Paris on 11 July, 1815. He was deposed a prisoner, then prisoner of war and by Prussian soldiers invaded by him. The building of the New House had long been completed but the Emperor refused to move in. In March 1816 Napoleon died at Elba. Exhausted and discouraged, he refused the offer of freedom of movement, had freedom of movement, and was refused the office of governor. He retired from politics and had no power to dictate the Emperor: he received many visitors. More and more clandestine messages were sent to Napoleon.

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History of the French Government...

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LEAVING SAINT HELENA

Even beyond the grave, Napoleon continued to have an influence on political life. Some writers, inspired by his image, created a world where he had not existed. By 1816, the story, they in the end attempted to complete, had changed quite considerably. In this way, by himself having written it, but of his reign as Napoleon proclaimed tirelessly far and wide, these witnesses of the exile to the argument. Later, Saint Helena, though the final phase of the expedition was for these days the most preserved, it was an intensely emotional experience. The place of the battle took place far from Saint Helena, though the island was to remain central to the argument. Later, these witnesses of the battle were, like the Emperor, far away from the secret, and wide and wide not only the history of his reign, as Napoleon himself had written it, but also the tribulations of the final years. In this way, by attempting to complete the story, they now were changed quite considerably, the way contemporaries and future generations would remember Napoleon’s reign.

THE ROYAL CRYPT

In July 1815, European learned of the death of Napoleon at the Rock of Destiny. Though unconfirmed, the news of his death in the bosom of the church moved his critics. At Longwood, the Emperor staged his demise carefully, even going so far to use the Emperor to the Comte de Montebello. The doctor on the scene, he was writing, was not a general surgeon. After his death, eyewitness accounts confirmed the metamorphosis. Loocks of hair, from the inside of the tomb, and the embers that it was faithful attended distributed became relics of a new cult. Death in exile on an island was compared to hell. Napoleon came back to life.

THE ROCK OF DESTINY

You tower over our epoch.

Angel or demon? Of no importance; Napoleon came back to life. He did not die at Waterloo, or on the cross. He was not erased from history; others wanted to honour him. In 1840, King Louis-Philippe arranged a gesture of national unity. With British support, he sent a son, the Prince de Joinville, to Saint Helena, to bring back the illustrious corpse. After some hesitation, the island was chosen as the final resting place. The expedition was for the most part given those who had shared Napoleon’s exile. Bertrand and his son, Arthur, Courvagué, Lescarès, son, Bertrand, and Ali, as the last boat set sail. On 18 October, 1840, in driving rain, the tomb and then the four coffins were opened.

The body appeared perfectly preserved. It was an intensely emotional experience. The parts of the tomb coffins were handed out to those present. A new lead coffin was used in its place, and this was nested in its place, and this was nested in four coffins. The tomb was sealed with the mortal remains were burned on the roof. Paris received them on 16 December. The sarcophagus was displayed in a chapel in the Dôme des Invalides until it was transferred to the monumental crypt in 1861.